

Annual Report

Driver Education and Training

Public and
Commercial Schools

Fiscal Year 2005



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INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the Idaho Driver Education and Training Program and costs incurred by school districts offering driver education during the Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005). The report also includes teen driver education enrollment in commercial driving schools.

DRIVER EDUCATION SUMMARY

Summarizes student enrollment in public and commercial schools, public school overview, number of collisions, program enhancements, and goals for FY2006.

FY 2006 PROGRAM GOALS

Identifies goals for the new fiscal year.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE

Summarizes student enrollment, expenditures, and reimbursements from the state.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summarizes the Controller's fund balance, monthly receipts, administrative and training costs and reimbursement payments to school districts made by the State Department of Education.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT REPORTS

Four tables show, by district, the annual student enrollments, operating expenses, reimbursements, and teachers' hourly salary rates.

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS

Identifies the name and location of all licensed commercial driving schools.

COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS TEEN DRIVER TRAINING

Summarizes teen student driver enrollments.

DRIVER EDUCATION SUMMARY

The Driver Education Specialist retired in June/July 2005 after serving a 10 year tenure. The new Driver Education Specialist was hired the middle-end of July 2005. The new Specialist is a native of Idaho and has over 20 years experience in driver education and training.

Enrolled Teen Driver Students

Ninety-nine (99) public school districts reported claims for reimbursement for teen driver education and training during Fiscal Year 2004 (July 1 – June 30). Idaho's public schools were reimbursed for 11,499 students. Not all students trained during this fiscal year are shown on this report. Some school districts chose the option of filing one reimbursement claim annually, additionally, summer courses extending into the next fiscal year resulted in reimbursement to districts the following September (the next fiscal year).

Thirty-eight 38 commercial driving schools offered driver education and training, all but one provided training for new teen drivers. There were 49 sites/locations approved for commercial driver education and training. 5,720 teen students were reported trained by the licensed commercial driving schools offering training.

One commercial driving school provided training exclusively to a public school and did not offer training to the public.

If we assume that the total FY2005 ninth grade public and non-public school enrollment of 21,880 students was the potential driver education student population, and a total of 17,219 students took driver education and training from either a public school or commercial school, then approximately 53% were enrolled in public schools and 26% were enrolled in commercial driving schools. If this is accurate, then of the eligible students, 79% were enrolled in driver education.

Public Schools Financial Overview

The total districts' cost for operating the public school driver education program for FY2005 was \$2,766,866.19. Of that amount, students paid \$1,195,018.96 (43%) in fees. Student fees increased 6% from an average of \$81.65 to \$87.12.

The average district cost per student was \$242.93. The adjusted cost after deducting student fees was \$138.01. The average state reimbursement was \$113.32 per student. After deducting student fees, school districts were reimbursed \$1,290,662.96 (82%)

Instructor wages increased 2.5% from an average of \$16.50/hour to \$16.93/hour.

Expenses for operating the driver education vehicles contributed to 21.5% of the total cost for driver training.

Crashes

Fifteen crashes involving driver education vehicles were reported during FY2005. When a crash was a student driver's fault, it was typically caused by an error in judgment for time and space management. Four crashes were caused when an inattentive driver rear-ended or backed into a driver education vehicle. Nine crashes occurred in parking lots, garages or while the driver education vehicle was stopped.

Graduated Driver Licensing

The Graduated Driver Licensing Law has had a positive affect on driver education. The law requires parents/guardians to provide an additional 50 hours of supervised practice with their teen drivers. The Department developed and makes available a practice guide for the required supervising driver practice. During the fiscal year 18,601 copies of *The Road to Skilled Driving — Supervising Driver Practice Guide* were distributed by the State Department of Education, at no charge. Public schools consumed almost 13012 copies and the commercial driving schools consumed 5589 copies for distribution to students and their parents/guardians. The guide is also available in a Spanish edition. The guide can be downloaded at the following web site: www.sde.state.id.us/drivedr.

Instructors

During FY2004 there were 352 public school driver education teachers and 74 licensed commercial driving school instructors, of which some also teach driver education for a public school.

Teacher preparation for driver education was completed at the state's three universities. Two of the three university courses provided training for twenty (20) new teachers with the assistance from the department of education; one university provided teacher preparation through a school district course; and one university outside of Idaho provided the mechanism for independent study teacher preparation with the assistance of the department of education.

Workshops and Professional Development for Teachers

During this fiscal year, eight (8) driver education workshops were conducted between April and May 2005 in the six regions of the state. Two workshops in Boise, one in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Nampa, Pocatello, and Twin Falls. 260 instructors, including 18 commercial driver education instructors participated in the workshops where they each received a new CD-ROM of the new curriculum guide, modules 1-10, classroom instructional materials, and one college credit (16 professional development hours).

Professional development hours are now required by both public and commercial school instructors with the passage of new State Board Rules for Commercial Driving Schools.

Forms have been developed and put on the web page for all instructors to obtain professional development outside the State Department of Education with prior approval.

Rules for Public and Commercial Driver Education and Training

New rules for commercial driving schools were passed by the 2005 legislature and the State Board of Education effective March 10, 2005. During the legislative session, discussions led the legislature to remove certain sections of the rules, which were to be revisited after adjournment. As of the writing of this report, there have been no formal meetings to address the sections of the rules that were removed.

Public school rules were updated by the legislature and state board effective November 12, 2004. The changes that occurred were for clean-up purposes after being in effect for two years.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Five public school instructors and two commercial instructors were reviewed during fiscal year 2005:

Cassia Joint District #151
Five instructors

Ryals Drive Education, Garden City
One instructor

Coeur d'Alene Driving School, Coeur d'Alene
One instructor

The Goals for Idaho's Driver Education Program for Fiscal Year 2006 Include:

1. Complete the development of the model curriculum guide for Idaho's driver education and training program to help ensure all students are trained in the essential knowledge and skills that can establish good habits for reduced risk driving.
2. Conduct a state conference to train teachers on methods and techniques to adopt and adapt the Content Standards and Benchmarks, and curriculum guide to their program.
3. Encourage and support high standards and practices for driver education teacher certification classes.
4. Provide direction and leadership to the driver education and training community to promote and support the best practices in driver education.
5. Assist with proposed rules.
6. Monitor programs for compliance with current rules, laws, and standards.
7. Review forms, policies, and standards for driver and traffic safety education programs to ensure they are current and effective.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE Fiscal Year 2005

— Student Enrollment	11,499
— Students Completing Minimum Requirements	11,389.5
— Percentage of Failures	1.6%
— Total District Cost	\$2,766,866.19
— Total Fees Collected from Students	\$1,195,018.96
— Total State Reimbursement	\$1,290,662.96
— State Reimbursement Percentage of Cost	82.1%
— Average Cost per Student	\$242.93
— Average Fee Charged	\$87.12
— Average Adjusted Cost per Student after Fees	\$138.01
— Average Reimbursement per Student	\$113.32
— Average Instructors' Hourly Rate	\$16.93

Where the District Money Goes:

— Instructor Salaries and Benefits	60.7%
— Driver Education Vehicles	2.5%
— Materials and Equipment	1.3%
— Administrative Charges	5.1%
— Employee Benefits	10.8%
— Office Supplies and Assistance	0.6%

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2005 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

FY 2004 Ending Cash Balance	\$2,647,303.35 ¹
FY 2005 Total Revenue	1,974,276.39
TOTAL Available Funds for FY2005	\$4,621,579.74

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

SDE Personnel Costs	\$ 146,900.00
Operating Costs	\$ 28,368.94
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,789.95
Instructor Training and Materials	\$112,390.09
	\$ 289,448.98

STATE REIMBURSEMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

September 2004	\$ 610,176.37
February 2005	\$ 310,642.83
June 2005	\$ 369,843.76
	\$1,290,662.96

TOTAL Expenditures \$1,580,111.94

FY2005 (June 30, 2005) ENDING BALANCE \$3,041,467.80
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¹The ending balance is cumulative from previous years.

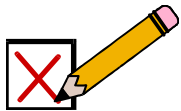
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



Student Information Table A



Districts' Operating Cost Table B



Districts' Financial Summary Table C



Teachers' Hourly Salary Rate..... Table D

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS

During FY2005 there were 38 commercial driving schools operating in 49 locations. The following commercial driving schools were licensed to conduct driver education and training for the public during FY2005.

ADA COUNTY

ABI Driving School
Boise

Buggin to Drive
Eagle

Cavener Driver Education, LLC
Meridian

Eiguren Driving School
Boise

Elite Driving School
Meridian
Boise

Excel Driving Academy
Meridian

Hatch's Driver Trainer
Meridian

Hawkins Driver Education
Boise

Nakano Driving School
(Adult drivers only)
Boise

Phillips Driving School
Meridian
Kuna

Ryals Driving School, LLC
Eagle
Garden City

Treasure Valley Driving School
Boise

BANNOCK COUNTY

Bruce's Driving School
Pocatello

Green Light Driving School
Pocatello

R & R Driving School
Pocatello

BLAINE COUNTY

Professional Driving School
Hailey

Sun Valley Driving School, Inc.
Sun Valley

BONNER COUNTY

Panhandle Driving School
Sandpoint

BONNEVILLE COUNTY

A+ Driving School
Idaho Falls

Dynamic Driving School
Idaho Falls

Premier Driving School, Inc.
Idaho Falls

Rocky Mountain Driving School
Idaho Falls

BOUNDARY COUNTY

Bonn timers Ferry Driver Education
Bonn timers Ferry

CAMAS COUNTY

High Desert Driving School
Fairfield

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS (Cont.)

CANYON COUNTY

Elite Driving School
Nampa

Genesis Driving School
Nampa

Hite's Driving School
Caldwell

Karen Ryals Driving School
Caldwell

Safe Start Driving School
Caldwell

FRANKLIN COUNTY

R & R Driving School
Preston

GEM COUNTY

Gem County Driving Academy
Emmett

GOODING COUNTY

A Generation of New Drivers, LLC
Gooding
Hagerman

JEROME COUNTY

A Generation of New Drivers, LLC.
Jerome

KOOTENAI COUNTY

A & A Driving School
Coeur d'Alene

Coeur d'Alene Driver Education
Coeur d'Alene

Cruisin Driving Academy
Rathdrum

Drive Right Academy
Coeur d'Alene

Idaho Panhandle Driving School
Coeur d'Alene

North Idaho Commercial Driver Education
Post Falls

LATAH COUNTY

Moscow Driving School
Moscow

Gem S.T.A.R. Driving School
Moscow

MINIDOKA COUNTY

R & R Driving School
Heyburn

NEZ PERCE COUNTY

Maurer Driving School
Lewiston

ONEIDA COUNTY

R & R Driving School
Malad

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

A Generation of New Drivers, LLC
Buhl

Professional Driving School
Twin Falls

SOS Driving School
Twin Falls

Superior Start, LLC
Buhl

VALLEY COUNTY

Gem County Driving Academy
McCall

COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS

Teen Driver Enrollment Fiscal Year 2005

Student Enrollment.....	5,720
Student Completing Minimum Requirements.....	5,633
Percentage of Failures0.8%
Percentage of Withdrawn0.9%

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